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**From:** Charlie Funderburk <CFunderburk@tegacaysc.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 08, 2013 1:07 PM  
**To:** Terreni, Charles L.A.; Jocelyn.Boyd  
**Cc:** Scott, Dukes; Arnett, Dan; selliott@elliottlaw.us; John M. S. Hoefer (jhoefer@willoughbyhoefer.com); Nelson, Jeff; Hudson, Shannon; Joseph.Melchers; Randall.Dong; Hipp, Dawn; Deborah.Easterling; Tricia.DeSanty; Daphne.Duke; Rick Durham; Patrick C. Flynn; Tom G. Oakley; Sparrow Lisa; George Sheppard; Chris Larsen; Stephen Perkins; Ron Kirby; Dottie Hersey; Dottie Hersey  
**Subject:** RE: FW: Meeting Request

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Mr. Terreni,

I apologize if my previous email was not clear and I'm sorry Ms. Boyd has apparently misunderstood my intent. I am not requesting a meeting with Utilities, Inc./Carolina Water Service/Tega Cay Water Service. I am not requesting a meeting to discuss the rate increase or any level of service Utilities, Inc. may or may not be providing. Because there is a utility system operating within the City for which I am the City Manager, I think I am well within my rights to have an informal meeting with the agencies to which that utility reports. Ms. Boyd, if I wanted Utilities, Inc to be at that meeting, I would have included them on the email that I sent to you, ORS and SCDHEC. Can you explain to me your intent for sending my email to them? I am getting overloaded with questions from our City Council and our residents that only these agencies can help me answer. If that wasn't clear in my email to you Ms. Boyd, I apologize.

I have requested a meeting with Mr. Durham and Mr. Oakley of Utilities, Inc. at their earliest convenience since Mr. Oakley's email to many of our residents said that they would be coordinating with the City. I have not received a response as of yet from either of those gentlemen, yet I have been informed that a Utilities, Inc. subcontractor (WK Dickson) is out dye testing City owned storm sewer lines. Ordinarily this would not be an issue, but they have now gone onto City owned golf course property where they have no easement or right of entry and have conducted this testing without any notification to the City. At a minimum our Director of Golf Operations should have been notified. Unfortunately, he and I were notified by residents and our staff that this work was being done.

While I do appreciate your efforts in trying to correct the continual sanitary sewer overflows and the amount of resources Utilities, Inc is finally putting towards the issue, in my humble opinion, you aren't off to a good start. I have had a good working relationship with most of the Utilities, Inc. staff that I have had the opportunity to meet over the years. Mr. Oakley and Mr. Durham, I look forward to being able to say the same after we have met.

Sincerely,

*Charlie Funderburk*

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 08, 2013 11:22 AM

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Dear Ms. Boyd:

Thank you for forwarding Mr. Funderburk's email requesting a separate meeting with a representative of the PSC regarding my client, Tega Cay Water Service, Inc.

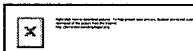
Because there is an open docket regarding the operations of Tega Cay Water Service, and the Office of Regulatory Staff is monitoring the company's activities at the request of the Commission, the Company does not believe that the *ex parte* meeting requested by Mr. Funderburk would either be helpful or appropriate.

However, Tega Cay Water Service would be glad to participate in an informal meeting with Mr. Funderburk, the ORS, DHEC, and a member of the Commission's staff present, if the Commission should desire such a meeting and the ORS does not object.

Sincerely,

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On Tue, May 7, 2013 at 1:14 PM, Jocelyn.Boyd <[Jocelyn.Boyd@psc.sc.gov](mailto:Jocelyn.Boyd@psc.sc.gov)> wrote:

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**From:** Charlie Funderburk [<mailto:CFunderburk@tegacaysc.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 07, 2013 12:33 PM  
**To:** Harrington, Gregory C.; [ccampe@regstaff.sc.gov](mailto:ccampe@regstaff.sc.gov); Jocelyn.Boyd  
**Subject:** Meeting Request

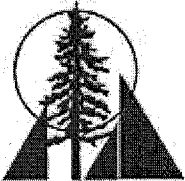
As the City Manager of the City of Tega Cay, I am requesting a meeting with each of you, or the appropriate representative of SCDHEC, ORS and PSC, in regards to the two latest SSOs at Utilities, Inc.'s WWTP #2. Both of these overflows have entered the City's Storm Sewer System and entered Lake Wylie. I have

been copied on the emails that have been coming out this morning and I apologize that you are getting bombarded by these, but please understand . . . The City, our City Council and our residents have had enough. I don't want to meet about the recent rate case, or how high the fees are or the lack of customer service that seems to be the norm. I need to hear from your respective agencies what has caused these overflows, what is being done to prevent them from occurring again and what penalties and or fines that are forth coming.

Folks, this issue isn't going to go away. We can't sit here praying nothing happens every time rainfall is predicted. The constant spills into Lake Wylie is hurting the City over all. I have spoken with multiple realtors that actively sale homes in Tega Cay and they have all reiterated that the private water/sewer system is driving down property values. This has a direct impact on the financial well-being of the City and is going to start costing us real dollars if something isn't done.

Please reply to all and let me know of you availability to meet. I would like to propose that we meet either Thursday or Friday this week. The only conflict that I have is at 10 am Thursday morning, but will be free from that meeting by 10:30 am. Greg, I know you have agreed to have SCDHEC representatives at our next Council meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>, but I just can't wait another two weeks to get some of these answers. We would still like for SCDHEC to attend that meeting, but I need a separate meeting between myself and someone from each of your agencies (or multiple people from your agencies if necessary). I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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